

HELP STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF THOUSANDS OF RABBITS

(Please note the revised email for your support statement: Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov)

There is a hearing Tuesday HB 5263, a bill to allow the processing of thousands of rabbits for food consumption. Essentially this Department of Agriculture's proposal will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

Please do not allow the slaughter of factory farmed rabbits as proposed by the department of Agriculture's guise of promoting farming in the state.

This is cruel and barbaric, we can't allow CT to be known for factory farming, slaughter animals that are most commonly pets.

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats

2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Thank you for voting NO to HB 5263

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